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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-8, 11-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Derryberry et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,498,785) in view of Hunzinger (U. S. Patent Number 6,678,530).

Regarding claims 1-4, 11, 19-26, Derryberry et al. discloses all the claimed invention as set forth in the instant application, further Derryberry et al. discloses a method and apparatus for power control on a common channel in a telecommunication system. Additionally, Derryberry et al. detecting a quality of a signal received at a base station transceiver subsystem engaged in soft handoff with a wireless device (which read on column 4 lines 34-39 and column 9 lines 10-13), and discloses instructing wireless device to increase a pilot channel power level (which read on column 1 lines 53-58), instructing the wireless device to decrease a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel (which read on column 10 lines 35-42). However Derryberry et al. fails to specifically disclose instructing the base station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality.

In the same field of endeavor Hunzinger discloses dynamic power control of a channel signal control in closed loop communications. Hunzinger further disclose instructing the base

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station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality (which reads on column 4 lines 13-19 and column 1 lines 27-30).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to modify Derryberry et al. by specifically providing for instructing the base station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality as taught by Hunzinger et al. for the purpose of maintaining a indicated power level.

Regarding claims 5, 6, Derryberry discloses a first processor (218) configured to detect a quality of signal received at a base station (which read on column 7 lines 32-48), a second processor (208) coupled to the first processor (218) to instruct the increase a pilot channel as (exhibited in figure 2 and disclosed in column 7 lines 37-40).

Regarding claims 7-8, 12-18, Derryberry discloses a processor (28,34), a storage medium, disclosed in column 10 lines 29-35, Additionally, Derryberry detecting a quality of a signal received at a base station, instructing the base station to improve the signal quality (which reads on column 3 lines 20-23) and Derryberry further discloses instructing wireless device to increase a pilot channel power level (which read on column 1 lines 53-58), instructing the wireless device to decrease a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel (which read on column 10 lines 35-42). However Derryberry et al. fails to specifically disclose instructing the base station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality.

In the same field of endeavor Hunzinger discloses dynamic power control of a channel signal control in closed loop communications Hunzinger further disclose instructing the base station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality (which reads on column 4 lines 13-19 and column 1 lines 27-30).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to modify Derryberry et al. by specifically providing for instructing the base station to improve the signal quality transceiver subsystem to improve the signal quality if the quality is below a predefined target signal quality as taught by Hunzinger et al. for the purpose of maintaining a indicated power level.

Regarding claim 27, Derryberry discloses a detecting a quality of a signal received at a base station transceiver subsystem engaged in soft handoff with a wireless device (which read on column 4 lines 34-39 and column 9 lines 10-13), and discloses instructing wireless device to increase a pilot channel power level (which read on column 1 lines 53-58), instructing the wireless device to decrease a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel (which read on column 10 lines 35-42)

Regarding claim 28, Derryberry discloses a detecting a quality of a signal received at a base station transceiver subsystem engaged in soft handoff with a wireless device (which read on column 4 lines 34-39 and column 9 lines 10-13), and discloses instructing wireless device to increase a pilot channel power level (which read on column 1 lines 53-58), instructing the wireless device to decrease a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel (which read on column 10 lines 35-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 29 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8,11-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (703)305-0104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on 703- 306-0003 . The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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